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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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1. TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE ACCOMPANIED BY ARMY OFFICERS FROM TOGO AND NIGER, ARRIVED OUAGADOUGOU JULY 14 AND PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO BOBO DIOULASSO, WHERE VOLTAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR BILA ZAGRE OFFICIALY TURNED OVER TO THE LOME MILITARY SUBCOMMISSION 33 MALAIN PRISONERS, 15 MALIAN TRUCKS AND SOME MILITARY HARDWARE HELD BY GOUV SINCE INCIDENTS OF DECEMBER 1974.

2. IN HIS SPEECH, ZAGRE STRESSED UPPER VOLTA'S DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WHICH MALI, AND THANKED ALL MEMBERS OF OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT EYADEMA, FOR THEIR EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF BORDER CONFLICT.

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3. IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO SEKOU TOURE'S RECENT VISIT,

HUNLEDE STATED THAT "WE KNOW THAT INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN
TAKEN HERE AND THERE FOR SOLUTION OF CONFLICT. WE HAVE
NOTHING AGAINST THESE INITIATIVES. WHAT WE HOPE IS
THAT ALL INITIATIVES, PERSONAL OR COLLECTIVE, WILL
HELP EFFECTIVELY TOWARDS A TRUE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.
FOR WE HAVE NOT YET GOTTEN TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS PROBLEM
INSPIRE OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED. A
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO MEET IN NEAR
FUTURE, WILL GO TO CONTESTED AREA T DELIMITATE BORDER
BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA."
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